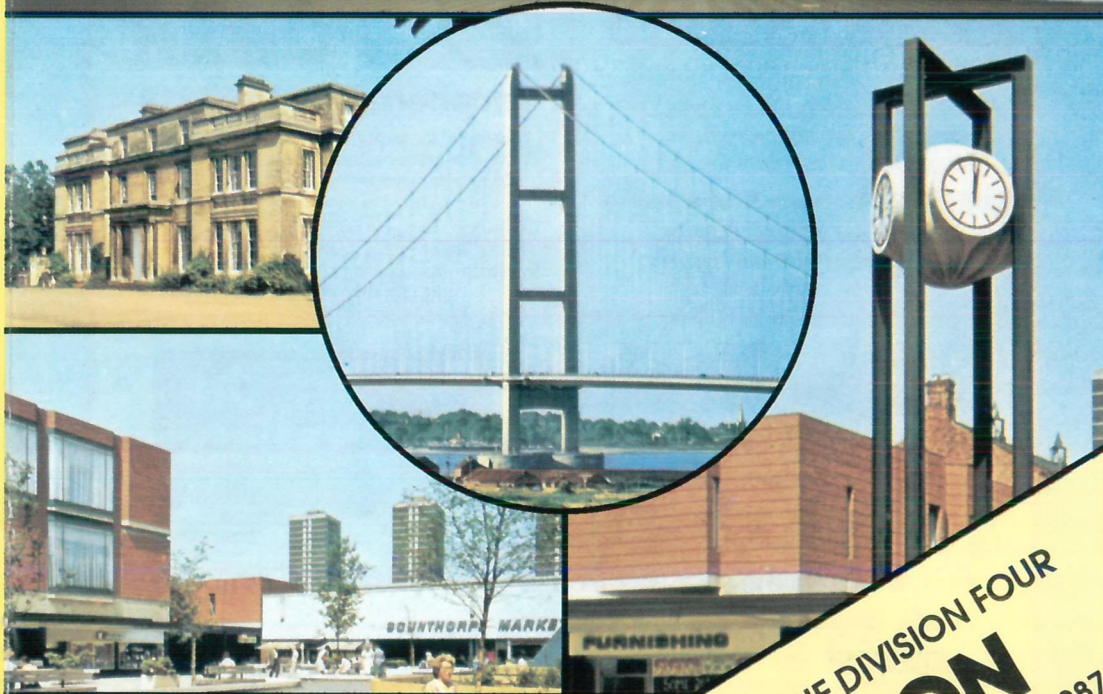


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KICK OFF

with **MICK BUXTON**

This evening we have a very famous club visiting the Old Showground, namely Bolton Wanderers, another one of the famous Lancashire clubs who have fallen from grace in recent years, although no doubt under the able guidance of player-manager and former Liverpool and England International Phil Neal they will be looking to as, they say, "bounce straight back".

We ourselves are also in the business to win football matches and to get out of Division Four as quickly as possible. It would be nice to be out of the Fourth Division at the end of the season and begin a new life next season in a new Division as well as a new stadium. To achieve that we have to do a lot better than we did in our last home game against Rochdale. Apart from scoring the first minute, missing another good chance in the second minute and having a couple of good chances in the last couple of minutes the remaining 86 minutes were not very good to say the least. It was particularly disappointing in view of the fact that our recent performances have been good. I can only hope that we "bounced back" last Saturday with not only a good result but a good performance. My philosophy has always been that if the performance is there and the chances are there you are always going to win matches. You might not win them all but you will win enough.

You may have read recently that I have said that I am on the look out for players, that players may be transfer listed etc. — *the onus is always on the players who are in possession of the shirts — if they do well, they will stay — if they want to stay.* If they do not do well they cannot expect to stay. I think players understand that. I sincerely hope that the players we have at the Club do the job.

We have had a number of injuries since the beginning of the season, this is a thing I do not particularly like talking about and dwelling upon but I feel that you, as supporters need to know the situation — touch wood, cross fingers and all that, things are looking better. Stephen Lister is going well, Richard Money works hard, Tony Daws had his plaster removed last Thursday and will shortly be able to step up his training schedule on his bid to regain full fitness. David Hill and David McLean have both missed matches but we hope that their injuries will not linger; which leaves me with a little fellow who I always seem to forget — Ian Richardson. I always have a lot of time for players in the situation that Ian's in, a long term injury can tend to be forgotten but the lad remains cheerful and is doing all he can to regain full fitness, although that will take a long time. Perhaps everyone else at the club will remember or should remember Ian's situation and think how lucky they are to go on to the field in training and in matches and not regret any minute.

IN-4-MATION

Scarborough continued to show the rest of the teams in the Fourth Division that they are worthy of their new-found status with a 2-0 victory over Tranmere a week last Saturday. Tommy Graham and Neil Thompson scored the goals which put 'Boro joint top of the table along with Exeter and Bolton. Exeter had been held at home, 1-1 by Wrexham whilst Bolton were recording their third victory of the season in a 3-0 win away to Hereford who have ex-Nottm. Forest midfielder as player-coach.

Scarborough's squad now has a mixture of full and part-time players, with five of their experienced professionals, including Tommy Graham and Cec Podd, relying on their football earnings for a living.

Newport County, back in the Fourth Division for the first time since 1980, are finding it tough going, both on and off the field. Only one point from their first five games saw them propping up the rest of the table and money problems continue to dog the club. Their finances were given some relief in early August thanks to a friendly game against Brazilian side Porte who were over here to take part in a pre-season tournament organised by Glasgow Rangers. Extra help has also been extended by local car dealer in a possible £25,000 sponsorship. The dealer is donating £50 to the club for every car sold.

There are worries too for Halifax Town whose chairman, John Madeley, resigned last month. Calderdale Council, who own 54% of the club after buying the Shay ground for £150,000 during the summer, rejected applications from four prospective board members. Madeley had supported the applications and subsequently felt that he had no option but to resign. A council spokesman stated that they wanted a board of trustees rather than a board of directors. Town were also told that they could no longer train on the pitch as the council want to make it available for public use. On a brighter note Halifax's junior team won the Northern Intermediate League Championship last season and no less than six of their youngsters have made the breakthrough into the senior side.

TODAYS VISITORS

Bolton Wanderers, have former Manchester United assistant-manager Mick Brown as No. 2 to Phil Neal. Wanderers major signings during the summer included Trevor Morgan from Bristol City for £30,000 and Jeff Chandler from Derby County for £20,000.

The first Division Four 'Manager of the Month' award this term went to Torquay boss Cyril Knowles who moved into the hot-seat during the summer. This season Torquay have reverted to 3 o'clock kick-offs on Saturdays to reduce police costs and, an effort to combat hooliganism, have banned visiting supporters from Plainmoor.

On a fashion note, Wrexham are sporting a smart new strip this term including shirts with diagonal red and blue pin-stripes.

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Player	Age	Position	Previous Clubs
David Felgate	27	Goalkeeper	Rochdale (loan), Crewe (loan), Lincoln, Grimsby
Derek Scott	29	Defender	Burnley
Dean Crombie	30	Defender	Lincoln
Steve Thompson	22	Midfield	
Mark Came	25	Defender	Winsford United
Dave Sutton	30	Defender	Plymouth, Reading, Huddersfield
Gary Henshaw	22	Midfield	Grimsby
Warren Joyce	22	Midfield	
Trevor Morgan	30	Forward	Bournemouth, Mansfield, Bristol City, Exeter, Bristol Rovers
John Thomas	29	Forward	Everton, Tranmere (loan), Halifax (loan), Chester, Lincoln, Preston
Steve Elliott	28	Forward	Nottm. Forest, Preston, Luton, Walsall
Neil Whatmore	32	Forward	Birmingham, Oxford, Burnley, Mansfield
Mark Winstanley	19	Defender	
Jeff Chandler	28	Midfield	Blackpool, Leeds, Derby
Julian Darby	19	Defender	

Wanderers manager Phil Neal has brought together a squad mixing youth and experience. The experience factor also combines players who know the ins and outs of Fourth Division football plus those who have sampled action at higher level. Goalkeeper David Felgate is one of the latter having played international games for Wales and enjoyed Second Division football with Grimsby. He is a former Bolton junior who rejoined the club during 1985-86. Neil Whatmore is another 'old boy' who began his career at Burnden Park fifteen years ago and played 262 games for Bolton before moving on. Whatmore helped Mansfield Town win the Freight Rover Trophy at Wembley in May this year but was then surprised to be given a free transfer. It looked as though his League career had therefore come to an end but an anonymous benefactor stepped in with a sponsorship to take him back to Burnden Park. Bad news for Fourth Division defences is that John Thomas is back in the lower section. After hitting 21 goals last season in helping Preston gain promotion to the Third Division and found he was no longer wanted Deepdale.

Chandler, Sutton, Scott, Crombie and Elliott all have plenty of experience of Second Division football. Chandler is another player who has returned to his former club and Sutton was part of two promotion-winning sides at Huddersfield.

Although still registered as a player Phil Neal is now concentrating almost exclusively on managerial duties. He made over 700 senior appearances during his career and joined Bolton as player-manager in December 1985.

BOLTON



Back row (left to right): Neil Whatmore, Julian Darby, Steve Elliott, Dave Sutton, David Felgate, Mark Came, Trevor Morgan, Mark Winstanley

Middle row: Peter Nightingale (physio), John Thomas, Ian Stevens, Chris Banks, Steve Thompson, Paul Booth, Nick Brookman, Dean Crombie, Steve Carroll (Youth Coach)

Front row: Peter Bell, Ian Callaghan, Jeff Chandler, Phil Neal (Manager), Derek Scott, Gary Henshaw, Warren Joyce

RECENT FORM

August 15	CREWE	H	1-1
	Henshaw		
18	WIGAN (LCC)	A	3-2
	Morgan (2), own goal		
22	CARDIFF	H	1-0
	Chandler		
25	WIGAN (LCC)	H	1-3
	Thomas		
29	SCARBOROUGH	A	0-4
31	PETERBOROUGH	H	2-0
	Thomas, Thompson		
Sept 5	HEREFORD	A	3-0
	Morgan, Thomas (2)		

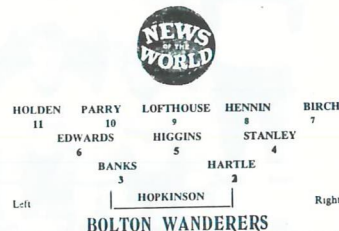
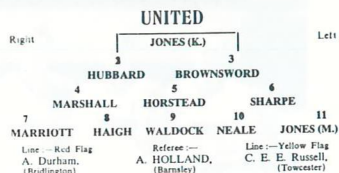
PREVIOUS VISITS

1958-59	(FA. Cup)	0-2
1972-73		1-1
1983-84		1-0

PASSING BACK

Bolton Wanderers are a club with whom we have had very little contact during our 37 year League career. We have met in Football League combat on just four occasions and were also drawn together in the FA Cup during 1958-59. None of the games produced many goals with only a total of five coming from the five games, including two nil-nil draws at Burnden Park.

The FA Cup tie was our first ever encounter with the Wanderers who were then one of the major First Division teams during the fifties, and who had won the FA Cup the previous season beating Manchester United 2-0, both goals coming from England centre forward Nat Loffhouse. It was not surprising therefore that the Third Round tie at the Old Showground attracted a crowd of 23,700 — only a couple of hundred short of the record attendance. On a snow covered pitch United played some neat football keeping the Trotters on their toes. The visitors, however, always looked dangerous when attacking and it was not too surprising when Loffhouse headed in a cross from Holden to give Bolton the lead. The game continued to be closely contested but the turning point came after an hour's play. Ronnie Waldock was put clear with only Trotters goalkeeper, Eddie Hopkinson, to beat but the shot was too hurried and off target. United's best chance had gone begging and only minutes later Loffhouse fired in Wanderer's second goal to ensure a place in the Fourth Round.



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A VOICE ON PAPER

by Tony Shephardson, Viking Radio

My previous article ended by saying how pleasant the hospitality was at Carlisle for the first away journey of the season. The second journey, four days later, to Hartlepool for the Littlewood's Challenge Cup game was not so pleasing. Whenever I travel north it always seems to rain – and, like the previous Saturday, it came down by the bucketful.

Arriving at 'Pool's Victoria ground, starving hungry, I immediately headed for the refreshment bar nearest to the Press Box. Despite memories of last year's parties – piping hot on the outside, but cold inside – I thought that I would give them a second chance. Unfortunately, the stall never opened – although at one stage we presumed it was going to when steam appeared to bellow from the cracks of the wooden cabin!

Bob Steels of the Evening Telegraph, being as hungry as myself, set off in search of some nourishment. He duly returned, but with only one pie – for himself. That's friendship for you! He promised, however to make a return trip at half-time to fetch more pies and a hot drink. So, at the interval he set off but came back with just the drink, and stated that the pies had sold out. I later learned that he had actually bought two hot-dogs but on his way back had stopped to chat to a regular 'Scunny' away supporter to whom he had given my hot-dog! To make matters worse, during my half-time report, I knocked over my plastic beaker of tea over my notes!

As for the game itself once United had scored it was clear that Hartlepool were well out of the running and with fifteen minutes still remaining many of the small crowd began drifting away. This prompted some dry north-eastern humour from the Press Box when someone said that season ticket holders were forming an escape committee. At this point the lights in the box went out, never to be restored. Reports for the radio, and next day's newspapers were completed with the aid of matches and cigarette lighters.

Problems with lighting reminds me of the Scunthorpe v Rochdale FA Cup tie of 1985-86 at the Old Showground. The draw for the next round was to be made live at 5 p.m. on radio and I invited assistant manager Bill Green, together with Richard Money, into the Press Box to hear the draw and get their reaction. On hearing that we had been paired with Manchester United Bill Green's reaction was to thump the side of the box and – yes, that's right – the lights went out! A few more thumps and taps restored the brightness and my first words going "on air" were "The cup draw has certainly put the lights out here in Scunthorpe".

As you all know, we never did make it to Manchester as Rochdale knocked us out of the competition in the following Tuesday's replay.

In the next article we'll take a look at visits to Wolverhampton and Northampton (through binoculars!) – Stay tuned.

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SIDELINES

It was good to get back on the winning trail in our previous home game against Rochdale, albeit only 1-0. A goal after only 36 seconds by Kevin Dixon had the crowd expecting a big win. Unfortunately this was not to be, although we dominated the first half and again created chances without being able to supply the finishing touch. The second half was slightly disappointing from our point of view with Rochdale coming back into the game, however they rarely produced a direct shot at Ron Green's goal.

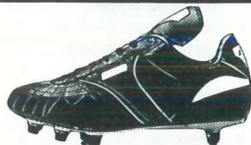
It is also good to see a number of sponsor's names on the facing page at this early stage of the season. The club, and the players, are appreciative of the supporters interest and contribution. If anyone else wishes to put a bit "In the Skip" to fill up one or two spaces please contact the club offices.

Any dedications to mention? Birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, births, etc? If anyone wishes to pass on greetings for a special occasion write out the information, not forgetting names and dates, and drop it into the club offices - but please do so at least a week before the relevant home game, otherwise your message would not be included.

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Aug	15	Tranmere Rovers	H	3-0	2,277	Green	Russell 1	Longden	McLean	Brown	Nicol
	18	Hartlepool L.C.C. 1-1 ..	H	3-1	1,613	Green	Russell 1p	Longden	McLean	Brown	Nicol 1
	22	Carlisle United	A	1-3	9	2,074	Green	Russell	Longden	McLean	Atkins
	26	Hartlepool L.C.C. 1-2 ..	A	1-0		872	Green	Russell	Longden	McLean	Brown
	29	Colchester United	H	2-2	10	2,003	Green	Russell	Longden	McLean	Brown
	31	Wolverhampton W.	A	1-4	19	6,672	Green	Russell	Longden	McLeant	Brown
Sept	5	Rochdale	H	1-0	13	1,959	Green	Russell	Longden	Broddie	Brown
	12	Cambridge United	A								Atkins
	15	Bolton Wanderers	H								
	19	Newport County	H								
	23	Leicester L.C.C. 2-1	A								
	26	Darlington	A								
	29	Stockport County	H								
Oct	3	Peterborough United ..	A								
	7	Leicester L.C.C. 2-2	H								
	10	Halifax Town	H								
	17	Hereford United	A								
	20	Burnley	A								
	24	Cardiff City	H								
	31	Hartlepool United	A								
Nov	3	Wrexham	H								
	7	Scarborough	H								
	14	F.A.C. (1)									
	21	Crewe Alexandra	A								
	28	Swansea City	H								
Dec	5	F.A.C. (2)									
	12	Exeter City	A								
	18	Torquay United	H								
	26	Darlington	H								
	28	Leyton Orient	A								
Jan	1	Colchester United	A								
	2	Cambridge United	H								
	9	Carlisle Utd F.A.C. (3) ..	H								
	16	Newport County	A								
	23	Bolton Wanderers	A								
	30	Wolves F.A.C. (4)	H								
Feb	6	Rochdale	A								
	13	Leyton Orient	H								
	20	Tranmere F.A.C. (5)	A								
	27	Peterborough Utd	H								
Mar	1	Stockport County	A								
	5	Hereford United	H								
	12	Halifax Town F.A.C (6) ..	A								
	19	Hartlepool United	H								
	26	Cardiff City	A								
April	2	Scarborough	A								
	4	Crewe Alexandra	H								
	9	Wrexham F.A.C. s/f	A								
	23	Burnley	H								
	30	Swansea City	A								
May	2	Exeter City	H								
	7	Torquay United	A								
	14	FA CUP FINAL									

*Substitute played replacing player marked †

ON THE BOX

Football returned to the small screen last week when ITV began its current season of "Midweek Sports Special" with highlights of the West Germany v England friendly.

Later this month, on 30th September, BBC's "Sportsnight" is to give coverage of the Football League's Centenary celebration game.

There are also six League games scheduled to be shown live between now and Christmas. They are as follows:

September 30th	Newcastle v Liverpool (BBC)
October 18th	Tottenham v Arsenal (ITV)
October 25th	West Ham v Manchester Utd (ITV)
November 1st	Liverpool v Everton (BBC)
November 22nd	Derby v Chelsea (BBC)
December 13th	Coventry v Arsenal (BBC)

DRY SO FAR

SEVEN	EIGHT	NINE	TEN	ELEVEN	TWELVE	FOURTEEN
Dixon	Harle	Daws	Flounders 2	Hill	Broddle	Atkins
Dixon	Harle	Johnson	Flounders	Hill 1	Broddle	Atkins
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Brown	6
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Dixon	7
Flounders	7
Green	7
Harle	7
Hill	6
Johnson	6
Longden	6
McLean	6
Nicol	6
Russell	7
Stevenson	0 + 1

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Flounders	4
Johnson	3
Russell	2 1 pen
Hill	1
Nicol	1
Dixon	1

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CENTRAL LEAGUE DIVISION TWO

			Score
Aug	19	Darlington	H 7-2
	26	Stoke City	A 1-2
Sept	2	Blackburn Rovers	A
	9	Wigan Athletic	H
	16	Port Vale	A
	23	Rotherham United	H
Oct	7	Barnsley	A
	14	Notts County	H
	21	Bolton Wanderers	A
	28	Doncaster Rovers	H
Nov	11	York City	H
	17	Oldham Athletic	A
	25	Middlesbrough	H
Dec	2	Newcastle United	A
	9	West Bromwich Albion	H
	15	Preston North End	A
Jan	6	Mansfield Town	H
	13	Stoke City	H
	20	Darlington	A
	26	Wigan Athletic	A
Feb	3	Blackburn Robers	H
	9	Rotherham United	A
	17	Port Vale	H
	23	Notts County	A
Mar	2	Barnsley	H
	9	Bolton Wanderers	H
	16	Doncaster Rovers	A
	23	Oldham Athletic	H
	30	York City	A
April	5	Middlesbrough	A
	11	Mansfield Town	A
	20	West Bromwich Albion	A
	27	Preston North End	H
May	4	Newcastle United	H

NORTHERN INTERMEDIATE LGE.

			Score
Aug	15	Hull City	A 2-5
	22	Grimsby Town	H 1-1
	29	Rotherham United	A 0-3
Sept	5	York City	H
	19	Sheffield United	A
	26	Hartlepool Utd	H
Oct	3	Bradford City	A
	10	Sunderland	H
	17	Newcastle Utd	A
	24	Barnsley	H
	31	Huddersfield Town	H
Nov	7	Middlesbrough	A
	21	Leeds Utd	H
	28	Lincoln City	A
Dec	5	Halifax Town	H
	12	Sheffield Wednesday	A
	19	Doncaster Rovers	H
	26	Doncaster Rovers	A
Jan	2	Hull City	H
	9	Grimsby Town	A
	16	Rotherham Utd	H
	23	York City	A
	30	Sheffield Utd	H
Feb	6	Hartlepool Utd	A
	13	Bradford City	H
	20	Sunderland	A
	27	Newcastle Utd	H
Mar	5	Barnsley	A
	12	Huddersfield Town	A
	19	Middlesbrough	H
	26	Leeds Utd	A
April	2	Lincoln City	H
	9	Halifax Town	A
	16	Sheffield Wednesday	H

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RESERVES AND JUNIORS REPORT

Our 2-1 defeat at Stoke followed a week later by another defeat, this time at Blackburn. Rovers opened the scoring but Jason Talbot put United on level terms, when scoring his first goal of the season, on the stroke of half-time. Unfortunately we gave away two bad goals during the second half allowing Blackburn to collect maximum points. Last Wednesday we had a scheduled home game against Wigan, and tomorrow night our Reserves are at Port Vale.

Our Juniors are still looking for their first win in the Northern Intermediate League after losing 2-0 to York City a week last Saturday. The game was played at Quibell Park with a morning kick-off as the first team were entertaining Rochdale that day.

The youngsters have, however cleared their first hurdle in the FA Youth Cup competition. On August Bank Holiday Monday they defeated Boston United's youth team 4-1 at the Old Show Ground.

Last Monday we were due to play at Doncaster in a Northern Intermediate League Cup tie.

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1. Name the two people who have managed two different Championship winning sides?
2. For which player did Fulham receive their record fee?
3. At which club did Phil Neal begin his playing career?
4. Which club used most players in the First Division last season?
5. Against which club did Marc North score two goals for United last season?

Celebrity Squares

Solve the clues to find the mystery personality.

1. I began my career with Wrexham

2. I signed for Bolton in March 1962

3. I played for both Manchester clubs in the space of 2 years

4. I gained the first of my 34 Welsh caps in 1964

CRYPTIC CORNER

1. A reversed tennis shot at a compass point (League club)
2. Nickel and a high pass for a centre-half.

RIDDLER'S REVENGE

Are the following statements true or false?

1. Northwich Victoria were the first team to go through a League season without an away point
2. A League game between Blackpool and Bolton was shown live on TV in 1960.
3. Steve Johnson began his career at Rochdale.

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2. DRAB TOWN REELS ON (Lge. club)
3. ORAL SLOTH (Lge. ground)
4. NORTH GAME ID (Goalkeeper)

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We take a break from Division Four action as we head for Leicester to take on the Second Division side in a Littlewoods Challenge Cup tie. It is our first ever trip to Filbert Street and one which players and supporters alike will be looking forward to. We have never previously encountered Leicester in League or Cup competition but did entertain them at the Old Showground in a friendly game prior to the 1969-70 season.

At the time of writing City were struggling to find their form having won just once, and lost four times, from their five League games. League form, however, will count for nothing in the Cup game and Leicester have some top class performers.

Regular goalkeeper of last season, Ian Andrews is currently the number one choice ahead of new signing Paul Cooper, from Ipswich, who played against United in last season's competition.

Other players worth watching are Russell Osman, Robbie James and Steve Moran. So, a very intriguing game is in prospect and bookings for seats on the supporters coaches has been brisk.

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Lincoln City have spent nearly £100,000 in a determined bid to regain their Football League status by next summer. Manager Colin Murphy's new signings include Nigel Batch, Bob Cumming, Andy Moore (all ex-Grimsby Town), Trevor Mathewson, Phil Brown, David Mossman (all ex-Stockport), Dave Clarke, Mick Waitt (both ex-Notts County) and Les Hunter (ex-Scunthorpe). To finance this new squad Lincoln sold Gary West to Gillingham, Gary Lund to Notts County, Jimmy Gilligan to Cardiff, and 20 year old goalkeeper Lee Butler to Aston Villa, in deals which totalled nearly £200,000.

City seem to be settling to the task in hand now after opening their campaign with two defeats. They have since recorded three straight wins and their two home games have attracted an aggregate attendance of over 4,000.

Barnet played hosts to Lincoln on the opening day of the Conference season and beat the Imps 4-2 in front of nearly 2,600 people. Lincoln then travelled to Weymouth on the Wednesday night where 3,500 spectators saw the home side win 3-0. It was Weymouth's first game in their new Wessex Stadium and the kick off was delayed for twenty minutes to allow everyone into the ground. At one stage the queues were reported to be three miles long. Weymouth's new manager this season is Stuart Morgan who resigned as boss of Torquay last summer. His team has clicked into top gear immediately, reeling off five successive wins.

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Maidstone	5	3	0	2	8	2	9
Lincoln	5	3	0	2	10	8	9
Boston	4	3	0	1	7	5	9
Cheltenham	5	2	3	0	6	4	9

as at 7th September

TOUGH TACKLERS DECISION

BROW BEATERS: 1, Herbert Chapman and Brian Clough; 2, Richard Money; 3, Northampton Town; 4, Tottenham; 5, Aldershot.

CELEBRITY SQUARES: Wyn Davies

CRYPTIC CORNERS: 1, Bolton; 2, Nicol

RIDDLERS REVENGE: 1, True; 2, True; 3, False, it was Bury

RAGS A MAN: 1, West Bromwich Albion; 2, Bolton Wanderers; 3, Roots Hall; 4, Martin Hodge

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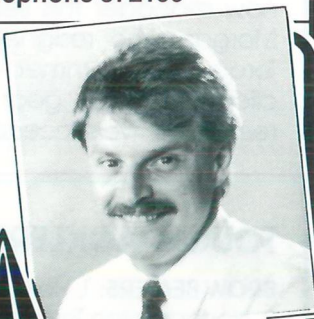
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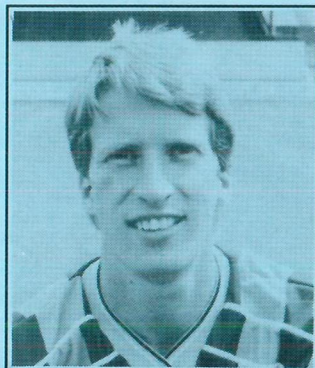
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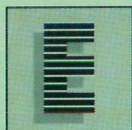
ON THE BALL with Bob Steels

There is an old saying in football that no club will achieve success without a Scotsman in their line-up. It is full-back Billy Russell who provides Scunthorpe United's only touch of tartan here at the Old Showground. Born in Glasgow, the 27-year-old defender won representative honours at schoolboy and youth level for his country before coming south of the border to try his luck with Everton. He spent two years at Goodison Park, first as an apprentice and then as a full-time professional, without ever getting a first team opportunity. "The Everton squad was so strong it was an achievement just to get in the reserves," he declared. Billy left Merseyside to return to his native Glasgow where he joined Celtic and spent most of his time in the left back berth. His next move brought him back to England when he was persuaded to sign for the then Fourth Division Doncaster Rovers, who were managed at the time by Billy Bremner. It was the third "Billy" he had signed for, having previously been taken on by Billy Bingham at Everton and Billy McNeil at Celtic. "I also had a few offers to remain in Scotland, but I wanted to stay in full-time football so I decided to try my luck in England for a second time and signed for Doncaster," he explained. Billy made over 250 first team appearances for the Belle Vue outfit and twice helped Rovers win promotion from the Fourth Division to the Third during his six year stay there. It ended in August 1985 when he arrived at the Old Showground, hot on the heels of former Doncaster colleague Steve Lister who had signed for the Iron just a few weeks earlier. "After six years at Doncaster I felt I had been there long enough and that it was time for a change," he said. His first game in Scunthorpe's colours was a sparkling 4-0 success against Torquay at the start of what many people thought would be a promotion season for the club. Sadly that failed to materialise, but Billy is hoping to achieve a promotion hat-trick this time round. "I feel quite confident that this squad is good enough to do it, but it is only achieved by a lot of hard work and also a bit of luck," he exclaimed. Before tonight Billy has made 84 League and 19 Cup appearances for United, having made the No. 2 shirt his own over the past two seasons.



BILLY RUSSELL

This term he has landed the job of penalty taker for the Iron, successfully despatching his first attempt past Hartlepool keeper Phil Owers in the Littlewoods Cup. "I got the job after winning a penalty competition during the week's training session we spent at Durham University," he explained. Of course Billy is not the first Scunthorpe full-back to be given responsibility for the spot-kicks. Old fans will remember Jack Brownsword in the 1950's and early 1960's who netted 50 times from the penalty spot. "I do have a method of taking penalties, but I am not going to say what it is because I don't want to give away any secrets," said the United No. 2. He is a full-back who loves to get forward and help the attack, and who also has an eye for the goals. But perhaps that should not be too surprising, for as a teenager he first tried to make his mark as a striker. "My first game of football at school was as a full-back and though I spent most of the rest of my time playing up front, it was always as a full-back that I got selected for the representative school and youth sides back in Scotland," he declared. Now he is more than happy to settle for the full-back role. Billy and his wife Margo still live in the Doncaster area and his main sporting passion away from football is golf.



Exeter City. We have had some interesting encounters with our friends from the south-west over the past dozen or so seasons. There was an exciting contest at the end of the 1975-76 campaign during which United clawed their way out of the re-election zone thanks to a slightly better goal average. The final game of that season was a topsy-turvy affair at St James' Park where Exeter just gained victory by 5-4. Some years later, during 1984-85, eight more goals were produced but on this occasion it was United who thrashed the Grecians 7-1 at the Old Showground. It was a personal night of triumph for Steve Cammack whose two goals brought him the club goalscoring record, previously held by Barrie Thomas.

Mention of Exeter also brings to mind the game that never took place. During the 1973-74 season City claimed they were so beset by injuries and wanted the game at Scunthorpe postponed. Football League officials rejected their plea and, as Exeter refused to travel to fulfil the fixture, ordered the Grecians to compensate United for lack of gate receipts and awarded the match points to the Iron.

Everton. Although the two clubs have never met on the field United have played at Goodison Park. It was for a FA Cup First Round, Second Replay against Tranmere Rovers back in the 1970-71 season. After two games had ended all square it had been agreed to toss a coin to decide who chose the next venue. Rovers won the toss and opted for Everton's sumptuous surroundings. United had the last laugh however, winning 1-0 after extra time.

Europe. A place in major European competitions is something United can only dream about, of course, but the club have actually been abroad on three occasions. The first was during the 1958 close season when, to celebrate winning the Third Division (North) championship, the team toured France. The next trip was in the mid-sixties when three games we played in Spain. The club returned to Spain in the early seventies for another brief visit. In more recent years we sent a youth squad to Yugoslavia who performed with credit in a tournament which included under 18 teams of some of Europe's top clubs.

Economy. This is a subject in the minds of all prudent directors, particularly those in charge of Fourth Division clubs. One area where clubs have realised extra income over the past

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By comparison, however, shares in Scunthorpe United have not risen at all. In 1912 shares of ten shillings each were issued to help finance the club's elevation to Midland League level. These shares remained available for nearly seventy years. In the early eighties, due to shortage of finances, the club again made a further share issue available with the going price at 50 pence.

Admission prices, though, have undergone dramatic changes over the years. In 1950-51 a season ticket for the Henderson Avenue stand was the equivalent of £5.25, or £4 for the old wooden East stand which was later destroyed by fire. Admission on the day of the match was 12½ pence on the terrace, or 17½ pence to sit down.

Elton John. Yes, the flamboyant chairman of Watford F.C. who paid Scunthorpe a visit in the Hornets promotion season of 1977-78. Before the match the crowd cheered as a familiar figure with fancy spectacles and outrageous suit came out on to the pitch. Upon further examination, however, it was realised that it was not our V.I.P. guest but a Hornets hoaxer – and he was swiftly removed! Elton John did take his seat in the directors box later and saw his side clinch promotion with a victory.

And finally . . . how many players who surnames begin with E have appeared for United? Only two, and they are Steve Earle, who played 39 times between 1974 and 1979 and Keith Ellis, who made just 11 appearances in the early sixties.

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